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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, US, KS

SUBJECT: KOREAN BANK RECORDS

REF: SEOUL 7646

1. ON SEPT. 9 ROKG EMBASSY COUNSELOR YOO GAVE POSITION
ON BANK RECORDS TO DEPT OFF DIFFERENT THAN THAT REPORTED
REFTEL. YOO SAID THAT ROKG WILLING TO COOPERATE AND MAKE
AVAILABLE "SELECTED" PORTIONS OF ITS RECORDS, BUT NOT
ALL OF THEM SINCE SOME OF THEM INVOLVED CLASSIFIED
MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND COMMITTEE COULD NOT BE DEPENDED
UPON TO MAINTAIN RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY.

2. YOO SAID THAT COMMITTEE WAS UNWILLING TO PROCEED
ON THAT BASIS AND WANTED ALL THE BANK RECORDS OF THE
EMBASSY FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. YOO CLAIMED COMMITTEE
HAD THREATENED EMBASSY WITH ADVERSE PUBLICITY AND
RETRIBUTION AGAINST U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR THE ROK IF ROKG
DID NOT MAKE ALL ITS RECORDS AVAILABLE.

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3. YOO ALSO SAID THAT WHILE EMBASSY STILL NEGOTIATING
WITH THE COMMITTEE, ROKG INTENDED TO TAKE LEGAL ROUTE
IN RESISTING COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR ALL ITS RECORDS,
TAKING CASE TO INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUSTICE AS
VIOLATION OF VIENNA CONVENTION, IF COMMITTEE PERSISTS.

4. IN VIEW OF YOO'S REMARKS WOULD APPRECIATE
CLARIFICATION OF ROKG POSITION BEFORE DISCUSSION WITH
ETHICS COMMITTEE STAFF. WE ASSUME THAT ROKG UNDERSTANDS
THAT WHILE WE WILLING TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION WITH
COMMITTEE STAFF ANY ARRANGEMENTS ON ACCESS TO EMBASSY
RECORDS MUST BE WORKED OUT BY ROKG'S LAWYERS DIRECTLY
WITH STAFF.

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